

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment I will be Amendment No. 9. The Clerk will read the amendment.

Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I do not think these last two amendments are going to be necessary. They were also housekeeping amendments to bring in line the section if we had adopted earlier amendments. I think, by a quick count, I have four out of eight, a 500 batting average, and I had better quit now. If I have the consent of my other co-sponsors, I will withdraw Amendments I and J.

THE CHAIRMAN: They have not been offered. They will be scratched, Amendments I and J.

Delegate Carson, do you desire to offer your Amendment K?

DELEGATE CARSON: I do, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will please distribute Amendment K, K for king. This will be Amendment No. 9. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 9, to Committee Recommendation GP-8, by Delegates Carson and Scanlan:

On pages 1 and 2 strike out everything beginning with the word "Within" in line 16 on page 1 down to and including the word "procedure." in line 2 on page 2.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been offered by Delegate Carson, seconded by Delegate Scanlan, the Chair recognizes Delegate Carson to speak to it.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I think it important to note what this amendment intends to take out. If I would be permitted, I would like to read the language that would go out if you vote in favor of the amendment. The language to go out would be as follows: "Within 60 days after such approval the governor shall appoint a commission to prepare for the convention. At its next regular session following such a proposal, the General Assembly shall provide by law for the assembling of the convention, election of delegates, filling of vacancy to position of delegate and appropriation of such funds for work of the convention. The convention shall adopt its own rules of procedure."

Now the first sentence to go out relates to when a commission would be appointed and says that it would have to be appointed within sixty days after the calling of a convention. We know that the commission which preceded this convention was appointed by Governor Tawes long before the people decided to call a constitutional convention.

I think it is very unwise to restrict in the constitution or possibly to restrict in the constitution when the commission could be established. I think the language is limiting at best or at worst.

Secondly, all of the remainder of the language within the proposed section is statutory in nature. The General Assembly has full power to provide for this, and certainly would. I suggest to you that it is unnecessary and we need not have this in the constitution. Therefore, I advocate taking this language out and urge that if we do so, we will have a better, more flexible document, and I urge your support for this deletion and in favor of the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. Chairman, I have to oppose this amendment. I think the way this convention itself has worked out is living proof of the validity and necessity of having rules of operation we have had. The legislature passed the Enabling Act which brought into being the organic body of this convention.

I think it would be important to make doubly sure, make crystal clear, and in a voice loud and clear, that we want the future conventions to be equally as practical, as efficient, and as workable as this one has been. We found that this convention has adopted its own rules of procedure. I would dislike very much to have the next convention, whenever it may be, not have that same right. It is entirely possible that if this is not included in the constitution, perhaps some other body, perhaps the General Assembly, shall work out rules of procedure under which the new constitutional convention may operate. I think this would be unfortunate.

The way the General Provisions Committee has worded the language in GP-8 on this particular point is exactly the way we are working now. I have found it to be an efficient and a practical way to do it. I would like to guarantee to future constitutional conventions that they shall have the same liberty, the same efficiency and same